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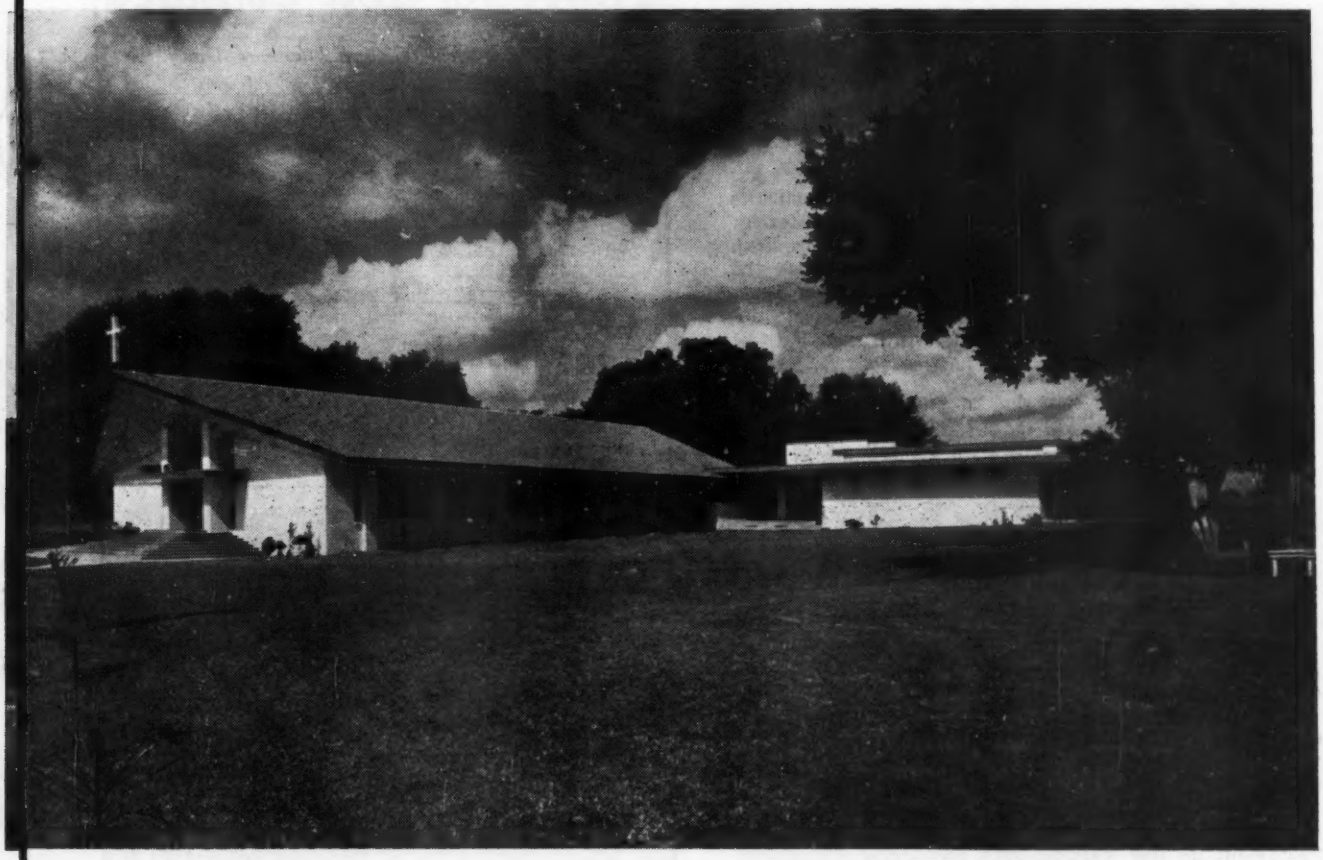

Lake Wire Drive Church of God in Lakeland, Florida

Southeastern States Issue

Featuring the work in
Alabama, Florida,
Georgia, South Carolina

CHURCH of GOD 70th ANNIVERSARY

THE SCRIPTURES HAVE NOW APPEARED IN 1,092 LANGUAGES

SOME PART OF THE Bible has been published in 1,092 languages and dialects as of December 31, 1955 according to a statement issued by the American Bible Society. Eight new languages have been added to the list since the last report.

Languages in which the whole Bible has been published	207
Languages in which the whole New Testament has been published	265
Languages in which at least a Gospel or other whole book has been published	620
Total languages in which some part of the Bible has been published	1,092

With the publication of the Old Testament, by the American Bible Society, the entire Bible is now available in Luvale. This language is spoken in Northern Rhodesia, Belgian Congo and Angola, Africa.

Complete New Testaments were published, for the first time, in six languages: *Bari* spoken in the Sudan; *Asho Southern Chin* (Burma); *Conob* in Guatemala; *Gbari: Matai* (Nigeria); *Hula* one of the languages spoken in Papua, and *Kim* (French Equatorial Africa).

The American Bible Society added five new languages last year to the list in which it had published the Scriptures, three of which are spoken in Mexico: *Chinantec, Chontal of Oaxaca,* and *Otomi of Mezquital.* For people in the Philippines, the Society published the Gospel of Mark in *Tiruray* and also the Gospel of Mark in *Tzutujil* for a tribe in Guatemala. Other Bible Societies published Scriptures for the first time in *Kapauku* (New Guinea), *Pila* (Dahomey, West Africa) and *Nyemba,* spoken in Angola.

There are some 80 languages in which short passages or collections of passages have been published, but in which no complete book of the Bible has appeared.

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT IN PORTUGUESE BRAILLE

THE AMERICAN Bible Society has announced the publication, for the first time, of the New Testament in Portuguese Braille. The entire New Testament in seven large volumes is just off the press.

A number of copies are already on the way to Brazil, according to Miss S. Ruth Barrett, the Society's Secretary for Work for the Blind. They will be welcomed there by the Portuguese-speaking Blind, Miss Barrett said.

The Society has also recorded a small volume of Scripture passages from both the Old and the New Testament on five Talking Book records in Portuguese for blind persons unable to read with their finger tips.

Embossed Scriptures have been sent to the blind around the world in forty-one languages. The American Bible Society recently completed 120 years of service to the blind.

COVER PICTURE

One of the loveliest Churches of God in the southeastern United States is that on Lake Wire Drive in Lakeland, Florida. Only a portion of the church plant is in the picture. That which can be seen is the main auditorium, the educational annex, and, to the far right, the parsonage. The spacious grounds, rustic setting, and facing lakes make it one of the most picturesque churches to be found anywhere. Pastor J. T. Roberts and his congregation are due the compliments of all of us for their magnificent achievement.

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WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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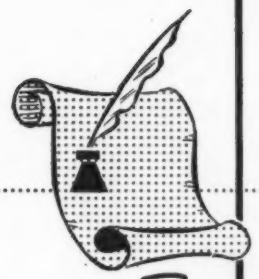


The Editor's Message

When Life Seems Backward

IF YOU WERE TO CAST your boat afloat in the headwaters of the Missouri River, far in the mountains of Montana, and flow with the stream to its end, you would eventually flow into the Gulf of Mexico. There would be many times when you would seriously doubt that the river would take you so far south, for sometimes you would be headed north or east or west. As you drifted north toward Canada you would despair of ever reaching the Gulf of Mexico. When you flowed mile after mile straight west you might reasonably doubt the accuracy of one who told you the river would lead to the Gulf.

As you turned directly into the rising sun in the East, to follow the river across the state of Missouri, you would feel sure, after hundreds of eastward miles, that you would never reach your desired destination. Your doubts would increase as you turned farther away to follow the northeastern sweep of the river. Then—quite suddenly—you would flow into the conflux of the Missouri and the mighty Mississippi and turn abruptly southward. From then on you would know certainly that you were headed for the Gulf and would eventually reach your goal.

All the time you were headed south—even when for the moment you were going north or east or west. They were only necessary turns you had to accept if you wanted to reach your goal. I once lived on the Missouri River at a place where it flowed directly westward. If I did not know better, and never saw more of the river than that one stretch, it would be difficult to convince me that it actually led to the south. By seeing only one short stretch of the river I would have made the false conclusion that it led to the Pacific Ocean; it is only by following the stream, either actually or by tracing its course on a map, that you can believe it leads to the Gulf.

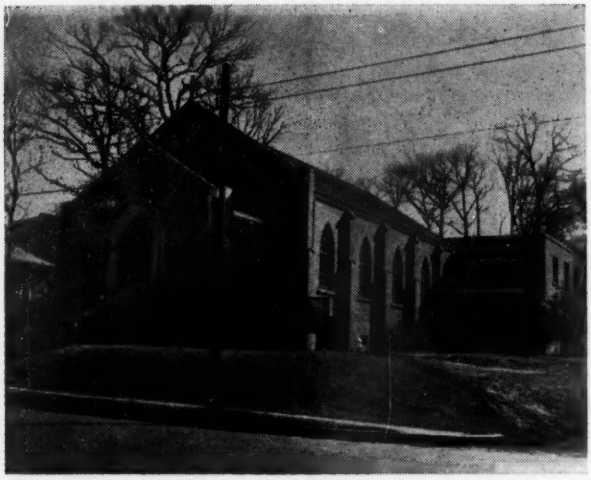
This helps us to understand the course of a Christian life. How can we accurately judge the outcome of it if we do not follow it to the end? By looking at only one portion of it, we may decide that it is hard or difficult. Do you not see that there are necessary reverses and disappointments for you if you are to reach your goal?

Often the grace of God seemingly will lead you exactly opposite to your desired goal. God's love for you will often cause Him to answer your prayer contrary to the way you desire. The result may be that you will despair and fret because all goes wrong in your life. Do not do it! Life will not be all *wrong*—it will be all *right*.

How glorious it will be when we come to the end of a triumphant life and realize that the adverse turns and discouraging circumstances we hated so much along the way were only a part of the divine channel that led to our goal. To avoid these seemingly backward turns is to miss the goal of life. To follow them is ultimately to reach our victor's crown. How abased we will be at the end of life, if we abandon our Christian course during some period of disappointment only to find that what discouraged us was only a delay or reversal necessary to lead us to our heavenly goal.

Above all, we must remember Paul's assurance that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose," Romans 8:28.

To become discouraged by a few contrary circumstances, or by a period when things go exactly opposite to the way we want them to, is as erroneous as for a person to refuse to believe that the Missouri River is headed for the Gulf of Mexico even when it flows north toward Canada, west toward the Pacific, or east toward the Atlantic. When we get to heaven we'll see that we were on the way there all the time—and the way was the will of God!



Pike Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama

South Park, Birmingham, Alabama

Crichton, Alabama

What God Has Done in Alabama

A report of progress during the past year

By JOHN L. BYRD
State Overseer

ALABAMA HAS A MEMBERSHIP of 11,914, as of January 31, 1956. We have 236 churches, and 144 of our churches have parsonages. Since last General Assembly, we have erected 16 new church buildings and one group has purchased a building in which to worship. Seventeen churches have erected or purchased new parsonages.

To date we have conducted 22 district conventions, and the general talk is that the attendance and spirit of our conventions is better than last year. The report of good revivals in many of our churches is very encouraging. The spirit of our State Prayer Conference was inspiring and the attendance was very satisfactory.

We have 241 Sunday Schools and 218 Y.P.E.'s in the state. From September, 1955, through January, 1956, we had an average Sunday School attendance of 67,295. The Y.P.E averaged 38,556 for the same period.

Alabama is operating on a quota system for missions and orphanage offerings this year. Yet many of our pastors are reporting far more pledged for missions than the amount set as a quota. I pray the Lord will help us to enlarge our vision until we may see more clearly the "fields white unto harvest" and be able to hear the Macedonian cry in a greater measure—both at home and abroad. We are hoping to be able to go into new towns and cities and new sections of towns and cities, where we already have churches, to hold revivals and organize new churches. Where possible, we are purchasing a lot in these new fields and will be able to erect a tent on our own property.

Plans are well under way for the greatest youth camp in the history of the state to be conducted during the month of June. And, too, we are preparing now for another great camp meeting and convention which will convene July 2-8. Our cafeteria was far too small to accommodate the people last year; however, we are doubling the seating capacity. We are also blacktopping the drives near the tabernacle and grading and blacktopping a large parking area.

We invite all who can to attend our 1956 camp meeting and convention and enjoy with us music, singing, preaching second to none, and southern hospitality in the very heart of Dixie.

Forward in Florida

By EARL P. PAULK, Sr.

State Overseer

I AM VERY HAPPY TO make a brief report of the work of the Church of God in the state of Florida, the Sunshine State. My family and I are very happy in our work in Florida. When we came to this state, we found a wonderful group of ministers who are genuinely loyal to the Church and very enthusiastic about their work as well as very cooperative with the State Overseer in carrying out the state program. This is also true of the members. The members of the Church of God in Florida are wonderful, enthusiastic, and cooperative in each and every detail, and I appreciate them so very much.

We have 197 pastors in Florida, who pastor 200 churches which have 11,404 members that pay close to $60,000 in tithes each month. We have 202 Sunday Schools which average close to 15,000 in attendance each week and have Sunday School offerings averaging $3,500 each week. We have 196 Y.P.E.'s which average 8,500 each week in attendance and $1,300 in offerings. We have had a net gain of over 400 members since our camp meeting last June. Since the Assembly we have organized six new churches and we had 384 ministers who reported for January.

In January, 1955, the members of the Church of God in Florida paid $60,590.70 in tithes. In January, 1956, these members paid $67,775.80 in tithes—a gain of over $7,000. Our Missions offerings increased $4,000 last year and our Orphanage offerings increased $2,300. Improvements on our campground have totaled $10,000 or more. We have built 15 new churches, and quite a number of parsonages. Several parsonages, churches and educational plants are under construction at present. We have a number of good revivals now in progress and God is blessing throughout the state of Florida. For this we are happy, indeed, and we give Him all the praise.

The state of Florida is leading in *Evangel* subscriptions, having broken all records with 10,000 subscriptions coming to this state at one time last year—a record for all states for all time. We are happy to report that Brother Boatman, our State Sunday School and Youth Director, is doing a wonderful job with the Sunday School and Youth. The Church of God work in the state is blooming in keeping with the blooms of Florida, the Sunshine State.

We are very happy indeed in our work in this state. God is blessing. We covet the prayers of all Christian people everywhere that God will continue to bless and help us that we may have, by far, the greatest camp meeting this year that we have ever experienced. We are happy to say that the camp meeting last year was a wonderful camp meeting; many were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and healed by the power of God. We are looking for even a greater camp meeting this year.

That the Lord may bless all of our ministers and members in the state of Florida is the prayer of your humble overseer.

Lake Worth, Florida

Tampa, Buffalo Avenue, Florida

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Augusta, Crawford Avenue, Georgia

Atlanta, Hemphill Avenue, Georgia

Fitzgerald, Georgia

Revival Moves On in Georgia

By D. C. BOATWRIGHT

State Overseer

FOLLOWING IS A brief report on the Church of God in Georgia since the 1954 General Assembly:

Revival, progress and expansion have always characterized the Church of God since its formative years. We are so accustomed to these things that I am sure we sometimes fail to realize just how blessed we are to be a part of a great holiness movement that surges forth for God. It is only when we stop and begin to compare our present strength with that of former years that we become so conscious of the phenomenal growth that God has given us.

We realize that it is the spiritual growth and personal consecration of our ministers and laity that make the very life of our Church. Our motto in Georgia is, "the revival must go on." We have emphasized revival in ministers' meetings, prayer conferences, camp meetings and at every other opportune time. The spirit of our churches is to either be in a revival or to be preparing for one. God has given some wonderful outpourings of His Spirit in our churches. Multitudes of souls have been saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. We have had a net gain of 2,278 in membership during this period, making a total membership of 14,766.

New Churches-We have been especially blessed here in Georgia with a number of new churches. We have organized forty to date and have several active missions that we hope to organize in the near future. Many of these churches were started in towns and communities that had no full-gospel church. Others have been started in large cities where we needed more churches. We now have 262 churches with 258 pastors.

Some of these congregations are already supporting a full-time pastor. Most of them have attractive church buildings, and a few have been able to build parsonages.

New Buildings-Over one and one-half million dollars have been spent by Georgia churches on buildings since September of 1952. Over a million of this amount was spent on new church buildings. Sanctuaries with a value range of from $40,000 to $125,000 have been built at Thomasville, Augusta, Fitzgerald, Dalton, Savannah, Hazlehurst, Atlanta, East Point, Avondale Estates, Jesup and Tifton. Scores of smaller or less expensive churches have been erected. We have spent $148,411.19 on improvements to church buildings. We have spent $268,000.50 for new parsonages and $39,571.02 on improving existing parsonages. An additional $82,154.25 has been spent on Will-

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The Palmetto State Moves Ahead

By H. B. RAMSEY
State Overseer

IT AFFORDS ME REAL pleasure to make a report for one of the greatest states and some of the very finest people in the entire union. Even though South Carolina is small in area and our cities are not as large as some in other states, it is one of the greatest states for the Church of God. The potentialities for the Church in South Carolina are very bright. We have one of the most congenial group of ministers that I have ever been privileged to work with. The spirit of fellowship is outstanding among our pastors. We are grateful for this.

The following statistics are from September, 1955, through January 1956:

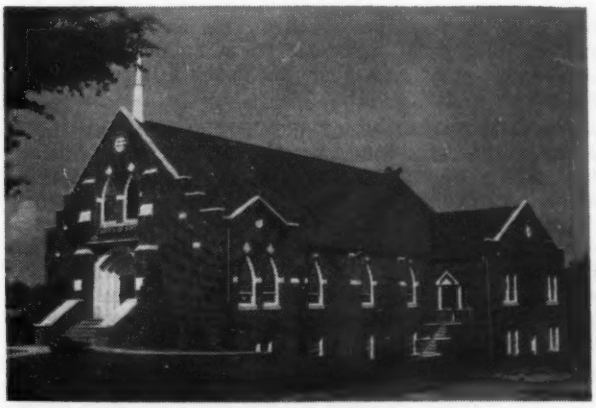
Number saved in our churches	15,173
Number sanctified	6,805
Number baptized with the Holy Ghost	4,630
Number baptized in water	1,363
Number added to the Church	2,601
Total State membership	12,736
Net gain in membership	947
Number of churches in the State	172
Number of Sunday Schools	181
Number of new churches organized since the Assembly	18
Number of new church buildings erected since the Assembly	38
Number of new parsonages	23
Number of Y.P.E.'s	166
Amount raised in our Ladies' Willing Workers' Bands (July 1954, June 1955)	$100,074.77

Quite a number of auxiliary houses and educational plants have been erected. Some places are either in the process of building additions now or they will begin construction soon.

Our members in South Carolina have a vision for the great cause of missions. Last year our total missions offering in the state was $40,200.34. We are expecting a nice increase in the missions offering this year. Tremont Avenue Church, in Greenville, where Brother James L. Slay is pastor, has taken the entire field of Angola, Africa, to support. We are indeed grateful that this fine church has taken over this worthy project.

We now have our Home for Children in operation near Gaffney. We have nine children in the Home at this time and several applications out which will be considered in a few days. We have 125 acres of land, a 16-room dormitory, a 7-room house, a 4-room house, a sawmill and 3 barns. Also, we now have 19 cows and 9

Pelzer, South Carolina



Laurens, South Carolina

Anderson, McDuffie Street, South Carolina

calves. Much improvement has been made since the opening of the Home. We have a new well, 206 feet deep, with a pump that pumps 17 gallons a minute. It will pump 27 pounds back in 45 seconds. Two miles of fence have been erected along the line of the Home's property. There is no doubt that other dormitories will have to be constructed in the near future.

As the Spring months open we are expecting greater revivals and we are anticipating greater achievements in every department of the Church in South Carolina. Though South Carolina ranks fourth in membership, we rank third in tithes paid and third in total amount of monies sent to Headquarters.

REVIVAL MOVES ON IN GEORGIA

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ing Worker Kitchens, recreational facilities, parking areas and so forth.

We praise God for these good material gains. We are aware of the fact that much of this has been accomplished at a great sacrifice. These buildings and improvements stand as a memorial to the faithfulness and generosity of our people.

Financial Gains-It is often said that when a church grows spiritually it will grow financially. I am confident that this is true. We feel that our greatest accomplishments in the financial field have been in the missions department. Georgia has led the nation in giving for missions for the past three years. Last year alone our people gave more than $59,000 for this great cause. Too, we have had a fifty per cent increase in tithes paid by the local churches. Our orphanage receipts continue to be outstanding.

Improvement to Campground Property-We are proud to say that Georgia has one of the most beautiful camp sites in the nation and is one of the best equipped. It is my opinion that the state camp meetings and other state meetings are the greatest cementing and inspiring forces in our Church today. Therefore, provisions and facilities for our camp meetings and so forth, are of the utmost importance. We will not go into detail here, for lack of space, but will give the major accomplishments. We have installed a sewer plant that is adequate for a small city. An additional 16-room dormitory has been erected; spacious rest-rooms have been built; the tabernacle has been enlarged to accommodate one-third more people. I believe it is now the largest tabernacle in our movement. Quarters in our administration building have been converted into a beautiful cafeteria. The office facilities have been enlarged, redecorated and refurnished. There has been extensive landscaping of the grounds as well as provisions made for parking. Recreational areas have been provided for youth camps. Too, an addition has been built to the state parsonage.

We are able to enumerate these many fine accomplishments only because of the wonderful spirit of cooperation that has prevailed among us. Our God has honored this and has seen fit to bless our efforts. To Him be glory, honor and praise.

The Question Box

NOTE: All questions addressed to "The Question Box" must be signed if they are to receive a reply. However, names will be withheld from publication if requested. Only the questions considered of general interest will be answered in the EVANGEL.

QUESTION: Are those who have died asleep in death awaiting the resurrection or are they awake and realize their surroundings?—A. L. Brown, Middletown, Ohio.

THEY ARE awake and realize their surroundings according to Luke 16:22, 23 and Revelation 6:9-11.

QUESTION: If it was a sin twenty years ago to work in tobacco or grow it, is it not a sin today?—Roy A. Bloodworth, Thomasville, Georgia.

CERTAINLY SO. God's consideration of sin does not change with man's attitude toward it.

QUESTION: Are we supposed to pay tithes on gifts given to us such as money and other items? Are we supposed to keep our expenses out of what we have on a farm, such as feed for our stock?—Mrs. Oley J. Kimble, Jake Hill Road, Bushy Run, West Virginia.

ALL THESE MATTERS must necessarily be determined by individual persuasion and conscience. Many people feel that they must pay tithes on gifts but some feel otherwise. Naturally, the Scriptures do not always give answers on technicalities such as these. Perhaps you should be guided by the type and size of the gift. If it is simply a sentimental or thoughtful token, then I do not think it is necessary for it to be tithed; but if it is of a nature that it makes a substantial increase to your income or property, then perhaps you should consider paying tithes on its value. Concerning your farm expenses, you will find that most farmers pay their tithes on their actual profits. I think this is both scriptural and practical.

QUESTION: Does a person go to heaven or hell the moment he dies?—A. L. Brown, Middletown, Ohio.

LUKE 16:22, 23 indicates very strongly that this is so. A person's soul or spirit evidently immediately goes either to Abraham's bosom (a scriptural term for a place of rest for souls until the resurrection) or to hell. This is rather a detailed problem and requires a great deal of understanding of many Scriptures that relate to the resurrection and the eternal abode of the soul.

My Mission Trip to the West Indies

The Overseer's home overlooking Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

By H. B. RAMSEY

State Overseer of South Carolina

WE LEFT the beautiful city of Miami, Florida, on a Pan American Clipper for San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 16, at 4:00 p.m. We arrived at the ultramodern, recently completed airport and terminal in San Juan at 7:45 p.m. on the same day.

We were met at the airport by Brother Antonio Collazo, Overseer of Puerto Rico, and Brother William Alton, Overseer of Dominican Republic. They escorted us to our rooms in the Y.M.C.A. After a good night's rest we saw many of the beautiful sights of San Juan. We were escorted over the picturesque city of about five hundred thousand in population by the youth director.

At about 3:30 p.m. January 17, several cars filled with Church of God people formed a caravan and started for the convention in Ponce, a distance of some seventy-five miles over mountainous, yet beautiful, country. We were made to realize that we were in the scenic tropical island of which we had read and heard so much.

When we arrived at our church in Ponce, the service was in progress. Our hearts were thrilled at the sound of the beautiful singing that was rendered under the inspiration of the Spirit of God. Even though we could not understand the words of the songs, we recognized the melodies, as we had sung the same songs many times here in the homeland.

We were privileged to be in the convention in Ponce from Tuesday night until Saturday afternoon. We greatly appreciate the fine work that is being done in Puerto Rico under the able leadership of Brother Tony Collazo. He was the interpreter for each of us Americans that spoke in the convention.

From Ponce, we returned to San Juan by automobile where we boarded a Pan American Clipper for Cuidad Trujillo, in the Dominican Republic, to visit with our Brother Bill Alton and to be in services there. We were honored to speak to a capacity audience of some of the most friendly people I ever have met, in the Sunday evening service at our fine Headquarters Church in Cuidad Trujillo. The Lord honored us with His great presence and the altar filled with earnest-hearted seekers. We are indeed grateful for those who received definite experiences from the Lord in that service. Brother Alton is doing a splendid work in Dominican Republic. His accomplishments there speak for themselves.

From Dominican Republic, we traveled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. We were there for the entire convention, January 23-27. We were greeted at the airport in Port-au-Prince by the fine overseer, Brother Wayne Heil and Brother Lacombe, Pastor of the Headquarters Church there. From the airport, Brother Heil drove us to some of the places that we had long heard of and had seen in the Missions film, "Hands Across the Carribean." Perhaps, the scene that shall stay in my memory longer than any other is the open market where we saw people by the hundreds living in utter depths of poverty. One can hardly imagine people surviving in such filth.

Brother Heil certainly has done a great work in Haiti and his accomplishments for the Church have been many. He has constructed the new home for the overseer, a new home for the educational director and a new home for the secretary. Also, he has built a new Bible School building with a chapel and dormitory. This is property that we can well be proud of. We were privileged to be in the Haiti Convention from Monday night through Friday night. It was a real pleasure for me to be chosen as the night speaker in this convention. My heart was thrilled greatly each night to see vast throngs of people seeking the Lord for deeper experiences in Him. I do not know for sure just how many received definite experiences, as we did not ask the first night. Forty-eight raised their hands that they had received the Holy Ghost in the last four nights of the services. Forty-three were baptized in water and added to the Church on the last night of the convention.

From Haiti we flew to Kingston, Jamaica, and were greeted at the airport by the fine overseer, Brother Preston Taylor. Brother Taylor took Brother Elmo Jennings and me to see the recently acquired Bible School building in the mountains and about thirty-five miles from Kingston. This school certainly will be a great asset to our work in Jamaica, for native workers will be trained there for the promotion of the great work of God in that country.

On Sunday night, we were in service at the Headquarters Church and were thrilled again to see an altar filled with men and women seeking the Lord. Brother Taylor is doing a fine job in overseeing the work in Jamaica.

From Jamaica, we went to Havana, Cuba, the largest city in the West Indies; yet, we have our smallest work there. Our missionaries surely need our prayers, as this great city of one million in population is ninety-five per cent Catholic. We enjoyed being with Brother and Sister Molina for two

nights and a part of two days. We were in service both nights and we found a group of sincere children of God in the two churches we visited in Havana.

I returned home with a much broader perspective and a deeper appreciation of our missions work than ever before. God bless each of our Missionaries that have sacrificed the comforts of the homeland to carry and promote the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the various countries. I greatly enjoyed being with the fine superintendent of the West Indies, Brother A. W. Brummet, in the various services and in his home in Miami.

I feel deeply indebted to the State Council, ministers and laity of South Carolina for making this trip possible for me.

revivals

New Church Has Outstanding Revival

HUDSON, N. C.—We thank God for the new Church of God that was organized here on February 26, 1956. Brother L. H. Aultman, State Overseer; S. A. Luke, State Youth Director; and J. R. Esom, District Pastor, were here to set the new church in order. God blessed in a mighty way in the seven and a half weeks' revival. Forty-one were saved, 33 sanctified, 29 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 23 added to the Church. We praise God for the new work here. Sister Clara Saunders was the evangelist.—William Hewey Crane, Clerk.

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Meeting Is a Blessing

BELL, Fla.—Recently, we had a revival conducted by Brother and Sister Ben Ellis of Lake City, Florida. Three were saved, 3 sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church and all who attended the services were blessed. Thank God for sending Brother and Sister Ellis our way.—Mrs. H. W. Simmons, Clerk.

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Power of God Present in Meeting

EAST TOLEDO, Ohio—We have just concluded one of our most outstanding revivals of recent times. Our evangelist was Brother Robert F. Johnson from Tennessee. His preaching, which was very inspiring, brought results because it was preaching without compromise. He and his wife sang some good inspirational songs each night of the revival. Four were saved, 1 was sanctified, 1 baptized in the Holy Ghost, and 1 added to the Church. We expect some more additions to the Church in the near future. Some of our services were truly remarkable. In one particular service God came down in a great way, the Holy Ghost spoke, and the power of God was present to heal sick bodies. God revealed sicknesses and they were healed. Praise God! Brother Johnson has moved on to Findlay, Ohio, and at the end of the revival there we expect to have a joint water baptismal service. We praise God for this revival.—Nicholas Blasetzky, Assistant Church Clerk.

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Eleven Saved in Lawrenceville

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga.—Recently, we, enjoyed one of the best revivals I have ever been privileged to attend. The Spirit of the Lord was great in our midst, bringing conviction to the hearts of the lost. The Lord greatly anointed our evangelist, Brother Merlin Brown, as he preached each night. Eleven were saved, 4 sanctified, and 7 filled with the Holy Ghost. Every department of the church is on the move. We certainly praise the Lord and to Him be all the glory.—Lewis Stover, Jr., Pastor.

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"Old-Time Holiness" Revival

HUFFMAN, Ark.—Recently, the Lord gave us a wonderful revival conducted by Brother and Sister Williams of Pangburn, Arkansas. Seven were saved and one received the Holy Ghost. This was the best revival that we have had since I have been here. Brother Williams preaches old-time holiness, and the church has been blessed.—J. N. Patterson, Pastor.

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Young Evangelist Conducts Revival

GUIN, Ala.—A wonderful revival has just closed at the Guin Church of God. That is, the nightly gatherings have ceased and the evangelist has gone, but the revival spirit remains with the saints. Five were saved, 3 sanctified and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. Several are planning to join the Church. We had as our evangelist, Brother Wendell Hudspeth, a nineteen-year-old minister from Anniston, Alabama. He is a very consecrated young man who prays, fasts and studies much. He is very humble and most cooperative in the home and church. Many members and visitors were awed and amazed by the way he could expound God's Word so mightily and intelligently. We felt it was a great privilege to have him come our way and we highly recommend him to any church. We also appreciate our fine members.—William A. Grant, Pastor.

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Revival Spirit Continues

GREEN BAY, Wis.—Recently, we had a three weeks' revival with Brother Paul Fayas of Hardwood, Michigan, as the evangelist. Five were saved, 9 sanctified, and 7 filled with the precious Holy Ghost. Sister Mary Wilson of Sheboygan was also with us to assist in the altar work. We praise God for His blessings upon this church. Since the revival, one has been saved and several healed in the regular services. We also received 2 new members into the Church at the close of the meeting making 13 new members in the last eight months. Our Sunday School attendance record of 39 in attendance was broken during the revival.—Curtis V. Matheny, Pastor.

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Outstanding Revival in Pulaski

PULASKI, Va.—The Church of God at Pulaski recently enjoyed a five weeks' revival conducted by Brother C. H. Elrod from High Point, North Carolina. With the inspiration of our good pastor, Brother Fred D. Hopkins, and the dynamic messages of the evangelist, the church was soon in the proper attitude and ready for the revival. The presence and power of the Lord was manifest in every service and on several nights Brother Elrod did not get to deliver his message. The altar was filled nightly, and many experiences were witnessed. Fifty-nine were saved, 37 sanctified, 33 filled with the Holy Ghost, 16 added to the Church, and 12 baptized in water. The attendance of the revival was large and steady throughout the entire revival. The saints were revived, afflicted bodies were healed, and many souls were blessed. The spirit of the revival still pervades the services. We request an interest in your prayers for our continued success.—Mrs. John A. Sanders.

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Six M. P.'s Saved in Maryland

ODENTON, Md.—We had a wonderful revival with Brother J. Stewart Brinsfield of Rhodesdale, Maryland, as the evangelist. Many souls found Christ under the Holy Ghost-anointed ministry of Brother Brinsfield. Our church, which is located just opposite of the Fort George G. Meade Army Camp, was greatly blessed by our army personnel finding Christ as their personal Saviour. Six of the military police (M. P.'s) were saved and are working for the Lord. I would like to say I feel any church would be greatly blessed to have Brother Brinsfield as its evangelist. He stands wholeheartedly for the full gospel and the Church of God.—James H. Lane, Pastor.

Lee College Students Conduct Revival

HIXSON, Tenn.—The Hixson Church of God has been blessed with a great revival conducted by Brother and Sister Olin L. Martin of Gastonia, North Carolina, Brother and Sister William F. Williams of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Brother and Sister Henry J. Smith of Goldsboro, North Carolina—a wonderful sextet of the harmony of the spirit of God. I have never seen greater unity in an evangelistic party. Sister Williams' piano playing graced each service. The ministers' wives constituted a trio, second to none. Their wonderful singing brought the Holy Ghost into our midst. The preaching was dominated by the wonderful power and demonstration of the power of God. The Holy Ghost prevailed, and sinners came to the altar without sermon or invitation. Nine were saved, five sanctified, and one was baptized with the Holy Ghost. This revival will long be remembered. Each member was blessed by it. Thank God for this wonderful group and for sending them this way.—James H. Clark, Pastor.

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Good Meeting in Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Wonderful! What a glorious revival for the capital of our nation. We, recently, had what the charter members of the church in Washington say is the greatest revival in the history of the church here. The revival was conducted by Brother Oran White of Mullins, West Virginia. His wife and family contributed greatly to the revival. Brother White gave, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, some of the most soul-stirring, heart-searching messages to which I have ever been privileged to listen. Twenty were saved, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 21 added to the Church. Backsliders sought and found God. The church as a whole has been inspired to do more for the Lord in that they desire to go out into new fields, bring in, and try to win souls for God. Pray that the enthusiasm that has been aroused will continue and that we will stay on fire for the Lord and work until Jesus comes.—Lottie Brantley.

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Ten Saved in Florida

QUINCY, Fla.—Recently, we had a wonderful revival conducted by Brother James Kirkland. Ten were saved, 8 were sanctified, 1 was filled with the Holy Ghost and 5 were added to the Church.—Leonard E. Sheffield, Pastor.

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Youth Revival in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM (WOODLAWN), Ala.—Recently, we had a three weeks' revival conducted by Brother J. W. Leatherwood of Pensacola, Florida. God really smiled upon us at Woodlawn. Eleven were saved, 3 were sanctified and 1 was filled with the Holy Ghost. We took 7 new members into the Church. You might call it a youth revival because all those converted were between the ages of 8 and 30. We had some of the most glorious services I have ever attended, and we heard some of the best preaching the Church of God affords. One precious French girl, 20 years old, who married an American boy and is now living near the Woodlawn church was gloriously saved and testified in English and French. She really received an experience with God. She was Catholic and, though she only speaks a few words in English, you could see the wonderful glory of God shining forth in her face. Her husband, age 21, was also saved and sanctified. We appreciate Brother Leatherwood's coming our way; and, most of all, we appreciate God's smile of approval.—Lenora Limbaugh.

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Healings During Revival

HESTERTOWN, N. C.—We began a revival on February 13 which lasted twelve nights. Brother C. C. Allen of Fayetteville, North Carolina and pastor of the Saddletree Church of God, was the evangelist. He did a wonderful job of preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Fourteen were saved, 11 sanctified, and 9 filled with the Holy Ghost. A number were healed of diseases and afflictions. We appreciate Brother and Sister Allen, and we believe they will be a blessing to any people. We are praising God for His goodness to us.—Mrs. Lounita Hammonds, Pastor.

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Church Blessed by Revival

PUMPKINTOWN, S. C.—We had a wonderful revival in which 4 were saved, 5 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. One was healed and the church was blessed. Jacob Howard and Paul Howard were the evangelists. —G. F. Masters, Pastor.

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Great Manifestation of Holy Ghost

LIVE OAK, Fla.—Recently, we had a great revival conducted by Brother E. E. Holmes of Kings Mountain, North Carolina. This was the greatest manifestation of the Holy Ghost we have seen in ten years. Ten were saved, 10 sanctified, 11 filled with the Holy Ghost, 8 baptized in water, and 9 added to the Church. Brother Holmes is a great preacher. Pray for our continued success in the Lord's work.—John G. Gilbert, Pastor.

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Fourteen Saved in Joppa

JOPPA, Md.—Recently, we had a wonderful revival here in Joppa. God was certainly present in each service from the first night to the end. Fourteen souls were saved, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 9 added to the Church. God moved on people to pray and to work as never before, and it seems as if everyone obeyed God in this revival. A special musical night was held, and several instruments were played and many special numbers sung. The church was packed with new people to such an extent that the choir seats as well as chairs from the Sunday School rooms had to be used. The closing night of the revival was a special blessing to all, as a wonderful heart-touching communion service was held. The table, covered with white, had twelve chairs, representing the twelve apostles, and one chair representing the place where Jesus sat around it. Twelve burning candles were placed on the table, and twelve people at a time would come forward and partake of the Lord's Supper. The service closed with the washing of the saints' feet, and God certainly did bless His children. The evangelists for this God-sent revival were Brother and Sister Rogers from West Virginia.—E. G. Gray, Jr., Pastor.

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Healing Power in Revival

AUBURNDALE, Fla.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival with Brother L. G. Rouse from Knoxville, Tennessee, as the evangelist. One young man who had never sought God before was gloriously saved, baptized in water, and plans to unite with the Church. Many marvelous healings took place. One lady from Tampa was healed of cancer; a little boy was healed of rupture, and I was healed of low blood. The whole church was stirred and blessed. Any church desiring an evangelist who believes, lives and preaches the whole truth of the Word of God should contact Brother Rouse. He proved a great blessing to our church. We also thank God for our wonderful pastor and his sweet wife, Brother and Sister Lawson Culpepper.—Mrs. Geo. D. Johnson.

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Church Blessed by Revival

LOXLEY, Ala.—Recently, we had a wonderful two weeks' revival conducted by Brother and Sister L. S. Bell. The Lord mightily poured out His blessings upon us each night. Several souls were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost. The church, as a whole, was uplifted and drawn closer to the Lord. Brother and Sister Bell will be a blessing to any church. Also, we appreciate our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister A. L. Reed, and their family. Pray for us.—Reporter.

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New Church Established in Michigan

DETROIT, Mich.—The Trumbull Avenue Church of God recently, has, had a wonderful revival with Brother H. J. Elmore of Chattanooga, Tennessee, doing the preaching. Forty were saved and twelve received the Holy Ghost. A new church was set in order here by our district overseer, Brother Luther Turner. We have forty-three members. Our pastor is Brother Henry Robertson of Kentucky. Pray for our church.—Johnie Rice, Clerk.

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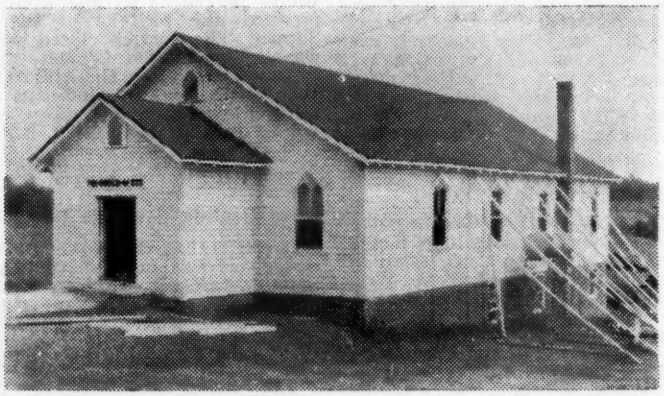
GRANITE FALLS, N. C., CHURCH COMPLETES REMODELING PROGRAM



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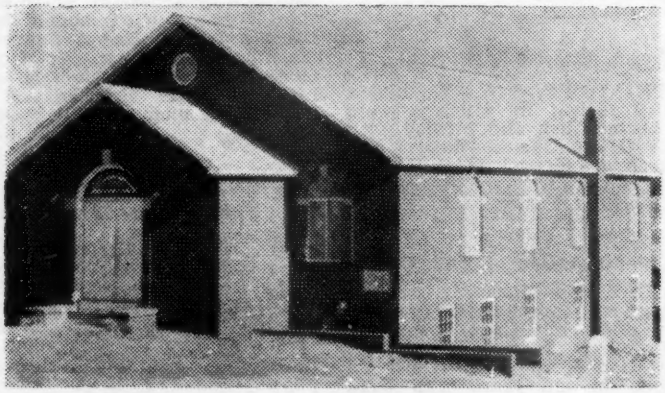

After Remodeling

Pictured (left) is the Granite Falls Church as it is now and before the rebuilding program. We are deeply thankful for what has been accomplished at the Granite Falls Church in the past few months. After talking to several builders and finding out that there was a possibility that our Church could be rebuilt, we started to work. The rebuilding program began the latter part of September. The old building had a very bad sagging roof and the right side of the building (facing) was leaning over about eight inches in the center. There were three steel rods running through the inside of the Church to strengthen it. The first job was to build the sagging roof and straighten the leaning side. After that was accomplished the vestibule was widened about three feet. The building was brick veneered and all steel circle top windows were installed. We also made a full-size basement which gives the church three more Sunday School rooms and two nice rest rooms. A new completely automatic oil furnace was installed. All of this was done for the cost of approximately $9,000.

We appreciate the cooperation of the members of the church and their working to accomplish this task.

The dedication was held Sunday, January 15, with Bro. L. H. Aultman, the State Overseer, preaching the dedicatory sermon. We were also privileged to have with us Bro. S. A. Luke, State Youth Director; Bro. A. V. Childers, State Evangelistic Director; Bro. J. W. Pritchard, the organizer and former pastor of the church over twenty-four years ago; and a number of visiting ministers and friends. Pray for us in our work here.—C. H. Franklin, Pastor.

Progress in Princeton

PRINCETON, W. Va.—The Church of God at Princeton has enjoyed four years under the able leadership of the pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister H. H. Hungate, who came to Princeton on February 4, 1952, from Parkersburg, West Virginia, where they had built a new church and had pastored for five years. At the time they came to our church, we had a membership of 201. In the four years that Brother and Sister Hungate have been with us, the church has taken in 141 new members and 92 have been baptized in water.

Shortly after they came to Princeton, the railroad shops cut off many men, and practically all of the coal mines were shut down. As a result of this work stoppage, our church membership had an exodus to Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, and many other states, and we transferred many members to other places. However, considering all of this and the many trials our church has gone through, it has kept reasonably clean and God has blessed us with a nice increase of 68 in membership.

We have also had a property increase of approximately $15,000. Fifty-two feet has been added to the length of our church and at the present time we have a church office, nursery room, baptistery, two dressing rooms, large prayer room (12 feet x 30 feet), an auditorium with a seating capacity of 350, full-sized basement with 5 Sunday School rooms, fellowship hall (40 feet x 40 feet), and a kitchen (12 feet x 30 feet) completely furnished.

The Sunday School record has been broken three times in the last four years and the tithes have broken all records. During the past month, all past records were broken with $1,400

as the total tithes for the month.

Sister Wall, Sister Hungate's mother, has a great burden for orphans, and she has collected many thousands of coupons. She has put the Princeton church, averaging anywhere from twenty to thirty thousand coupons a month, on top in the collection of coupons. It has even gone higher than that. May God richly bless Sister Wall.

Further, I want to add that Brother and Sister Hungate have gone completely out of their way to minister to the members and to anyone else in need. They are ready at all times to go when they are called, always with a smile and a real *Church of God handshake* and a brotherly and sisterly love which can be felt by all. I am unable to express in words just what Brother and Sister Hungate have meant to us. All I can say is, "May God richly bless them. and it is my desire that they remain with us as long as the Lord sees fit."—J. H. Vicars, Clerk.

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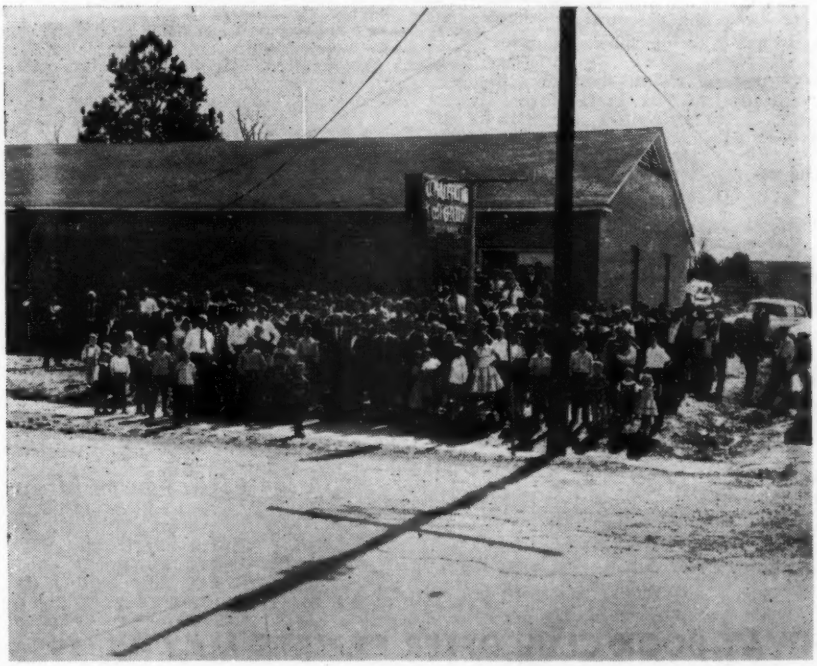
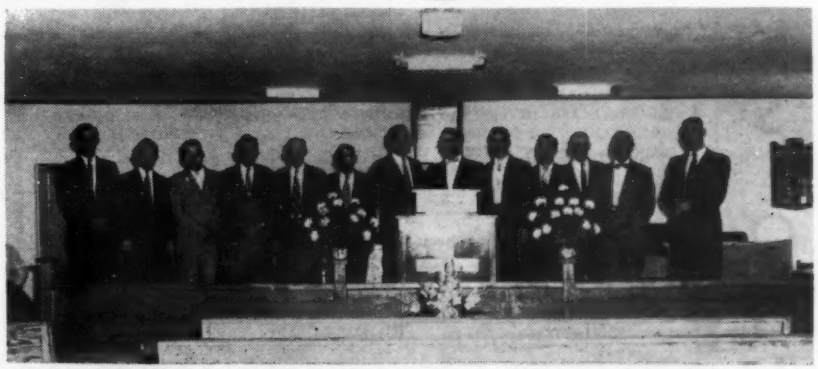
Saved in Regular Services

JONESVILLE, N. C.—Jonesville Church of God is still on the move. In almost every service someone is being blessed, saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. In our regular services for February, 17 were saved, 8 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 9 added to the Church, making a total of 103 members. The Lord is blessing in each department of the church. The Sunday School is on the move. We have a wonderful group of young people in our Y.P.E. They are really working for the church. They meet each Saturday night for cottage prayer meeting which is conducted by some of our young people. The Lord is blessing their efforts.—Ralph Luffman.

New Church Dedicated in Bastrop, La.



BASTROP, La.—Sunday, March 4, was a great day to everyone in the Church of God in Bastrop, for that was the dedication day for our new church on 1215 Van Avenue. A large crowd gathered for the service, with 194 present for Sunday School and over 400 for the evening service. Brother Y. W. Kidd, State Overseer, and his wife were present for the day, and also Brother Bob White, State Youth Director. Brother Kidd preached the dedicatory sermon which was a great message and it was enjoyed by all. Forty-five minutes of the evening service was broadcast over KTRY, and the message was delivered by Brother White. Fifteen ministers were present for the day. Dinner was served for everyone present. We thank God for sending Brother C. W. Kendall and his family to our church. When they came two years and five months ago, the church, which was located on Hood Street was discouraged with only a handful of people—from 25 to 30 in Sunday School. We built Sunday School rooms onto the old church and enlarged it. The Lord blessed the work and several new members came into the church. The church purchased a new parsonage on Jackson Street which is in a nice part of town. Now we have sold the parsonage on Jackson Street and purchased the present property consisting of three lots on Van Avenue. We have a brick veneered church with an auditorium 40 by 56 feet and six Sunday School rooms. The nice six-room parsonage has a sleeping porch, hardwood floors, and a kitchen with metal cabinets. It is nice in every way. We will have about $20,000 in the church and parsonage, but it would have cost much more than that if it had not been for the free labor. We thank all the members and friends who have donated money and labor in the building of our new church. We thank the Lord for what has been accomplished since Brother Kendall has been our pastor. The church has made wonderful growth both spiritually and financially. We have tripled in membership, and the tithes have grown to over $500 a month. We have a thirty-minute broadcast every Sunday morning from 7:00 to 7:30 over KTRY (730 on the dial). Pray that God will continue to bless the work of our church.—Reporter.



Ministers who attended the dedication were: (left to right) B. J. Brock, Ted Baker, W. P. Wilkins, R. W. Collum, Brother Hemphill, C. E. Chambless, C. W. Kendall, the pastor; Y. W. Kidd, State Overseer; Bob White, State Youth Director; Zies Lord, Edd Cox, the pastor of Monroe, and B. M. Woolwine.

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SANBERG

Inga A. Sanberg, a native of North Dakota, passed away March 9, 1956. She was the wife of Brother Milton Sanberg. She became a member of the Church of God on July 4, 1927, and labored with her husband in the ministry in Canada, North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. She was president of the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band and also held the office of clerk. She had one son, Conrad, who was born May 25, 1928. Funeral services were conducted at the Lamb Funeral Home in Pasadena, California, on March 12 with Luchen Bailey, Pastor of the Pasadena Church of God, officiating. She was laid to rest in Mt. View Cemetery.

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PACK

On March 7, 1956, death claimed our darling, Alice Emma Pack, age 11. She and her father were coming out of the church when a car hit her from the back and killed her instantly. She attended and was a member of the Parkland Church of God in Louisville, Kentucky. She had been to Y.P.E. and had just sung in the choir and taken part in the service. Her uncle E. W. Carden, is the pastor of the church. She leaves to mourn her passing her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Pack; a sister, Mrs. E. E. Jones; her grandfather, Reverend Willis Carden; her grandmother, Mrs. Lula Daniel; and a host of relatives and friends. She was a sweet Christian girl, but we know that God's will must be done. We do not understand now why such things as this have to happen, but on that great morning, when all things will be known to us, we hope to understand. May we ask an earnest prayer for her parents; only God knows how their hearts are torn. Her funeral was conducted at the Parkland Church of God by Brother J. D. Pitts of the East Louisville Church of God. The Lockhard Sisters sang "Gathering Flowers" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." Christine Brewer, one of Alice's Y.P.E. friends sang "In My Father's House Are Many Mansions," one of Alice's favorite songs. Her body was laid to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.—Mrs. Elvis Williams.

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HOPKINS

On January 18, 1956, Sister Lucretia M. Hopkins, 78, a beloved member of the Church of God of Oregonia, Ohio, passed away to be with her Saviour whom she loved and served. She is survived by her husband, James L. M. Hopkins; 3 sons, John, Morris, and Rev. Henry Hopkins; 5 daughters, Ethel Hopkins and Mrs. Viola Baker of Franklin, Ohio; Mrs. May Tarter of Norwood, Ohio; Mrs. Lucy Duvall of Van Nuys, California; and Mrs. Delores Cole of Middletown, Ohio; 4 brothers and 6 sisters. Also surviving is her father, John L. Osborne of Wallins Creek, Kentucky, who is 101 years old and who was named "Father of the Nation" in 1949. This title is bestowed on the person in this country who has the most living descendants. Services were conducted at the Church of God, Oregonia, Ohio, where her son, Henry Hopkins, is pastor. Brother John Richardson and Brother J. K. Wolfe conducted the services. For 38 years, sister Hopkins traveled through the states of Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee to preach the gospel. She left this life victoriously without fear. Her testimony still lingers in the hearts of her many friends.—Kathleen Brewer, Clerk.

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HALL

Nettie (Beaver) Hall of Christopher, Illinois, went to be with Jesus February 21, at the age of 73. She received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost over 40 years ago and soon after this united with the Church of God, becoming one of the charter members of the Eldorado Church. Truly she loved the Church with all her heart and was a loyal member. During her extended illness she witnessed for the Lord and was a great blessing to those who came in contact with her. She will be greatly missed, but heaven is now real to her. I am awaiting the resurrection to meet her again. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Stanley Joplin, Sister Nona Dame, and her pastor, Brother Purcel.—Cora Williams, her daughter.

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WALKER

Sister Porter Walker, age 66, who was a member of the Church of God in Decatur, Alabama, passed from this life to the reward of the faithful on January 9, 1956. Her funeral was conducted by Brother Clyde Brown and her pastor, Brother F. T. Dismukes. We the church, family, and friends can say, "She hath done what she could." —Pastor.

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